



TOWN OF DIAMOND VALLEY

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MUNICIPAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

January / February 2025

Upcoming

Council Meetings

January 1
No Meeting

January 15
Regular Council Meeting

February 5
Regular Council Meeting

February 11
Committee of the Whole

February 19
Regular Council Meeting

New Municipal Office Hours



Open Monday - Thursday
8:00am - 4:30pm
Closed Friday - Sunday



New \$2 Paper Utility Bill Charge
Save the \$2 fee
by Registering for
eServices
DiamondValley.town/eServices

BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS
RENEWAL DEADLINE
JANUARY 31

Dog Licence Renewal
Payments due by January 31
DiamondValley.town/AnimalRenewals

New Water and Wastewater Utility Rates in Effect January 1
DiamondValley.Town/Utilities

MAYOR'S MESSAGE Mayor Barry Crane

Happy New Year, Diamond Valley!

2025 is a municipal election year and nominations are open January 1 – September 22. There will be some Council vacancies and I encourage anyone interested in running to start following Council meetings and decide if shaping our community's future is in your future. Election and candidate information will be posted to DiamondValley.town/Election as it becomes available. The role of Council is filled with difficult choices, as demonstrated by our 2025 budget. In our commitment to keeping tax increases to a minimum, Council had to make tough financial decisions, finding a balance between maintaining affordability for residents and managing the growing financial pressures faced by municipalities all across the country.

The final budget results in a 5.81% increase in tax revenue to be collected compared to 2024. The 2025 budget reflects a “brilliant at the basics” approach, focusing on roads, water and sewer - our infrastructure defects and the repairs they ultimately need. Council cut programs and services including several taxpayer funded town-organized events, the elimination of community grants and donations, implementation of a hiring freeze and limiting non-mandatory staff and Council training.

I'm pleased the cherished Diamond Valley Parade and Festival will continue to be coordinated and presented by the Town with support from dedicated volunteers and sponsors. Here, we are asking the community organizations, businesses and individuals to step forward with new ideas and fresh energy to host those events which will no longer be taxpayer funded by the municipality. These include Project Green Day, Volunteer Appreciation, the Seniors' Week Tea, Light Up Diamond Valley and New Year's Eve. We encourage businesses to join the Diamond Valley Chamber of Commerce and strengthen the business community's voice. We have an opportunity to re-brand and re-structure our community's events and I look forward to supporting any group wishing to host events. Feel free to reach out to Community Services staff for information about event opportunities and sponsorships at events@diamondvalley.town.

A reminder that effective January 1, a \$2 charge will be added to utility bills for paper statements. This will be reflected on the January – February 2025 bills which will be coming out in early March. [Sign up for e-Services](https://DiamondValley.town/eServices) to avoid the fee and get your bills by email, save money, and enjoy the convenience of managing town-related payments online. Visit DiamondValley.town/eServices to learn more and make the switch today!

As we step into 2025, Council and Administration would like to thank you all for your continued efforts to make our community amazing - you make Diamond Valley the great place we call home.

May the New Year bring you much happiness and good health. As always, remember to be safe, be kind, and be courteous.

Barry Crane